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the pretext of investigation and is detained in the lock-up for any number of days and no one is allowed inside the Police station to see the person or talk to him. This is being carried on almost every day. Will the Government see to it that such practices do not recur hereafter and allow persons to visit these lock-ups so that it may act as a check on the Police officers? ''

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, the question which the Hon. Member has put does not arise out of the main question. This is a general complaint and such generalizations certainly do not help.''

Hospital at Tirukkoyilur

9–30 a.m. * 2106 *Q.*—SRI A. MUTHUSWAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state why no lady doctor has been posted to the hospital at Tirukkoyilur for the past two years?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Due to the dearth of qualified Women Medical Officers the post could not be filled up so far and no candidate applied for the post when vacancies were advertised in the papers.''

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" May I know whether the Hon. Minister is aware of the fact that the post has been filled up? ''

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" That is very good news.''

Cases of capital sentence in the State

* 2107 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many cases of capital sentences have been carried out in 1953–54 and 1954–55;

(*b*) how many such cases have been commuted by this Government in these years; and

(*c*) whether the Government have any proposal to suspend the execution of capital sentences generally?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) 41 and 44.

" (*b*) 35 and 14. (These numbers do not include 18 cases commuted by the President of India.)

" (*c*) No, Sir.''

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Have the Government considered the proposal that has been in the air for a long time that except in extreme cases capital sentences should not be executed even when courts have inflicted them. That must be the rule and it should ordinarily come under the clemency powers of the State only? ''